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9/11: Clarke One Year After

TODAY'S EVENTS

CLARKE EVENTS

8:45 AM Moment of Silence
The Clarke community will gather in front of the Atrium to begin the remembrance with a moment of silence at the time the first plane crashed into the World Trade Center one year ago. A flag flown over Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom will be raised after the moment of silence. The flag was given to Paul Oppen, a Clarke TimeSaver student. Oppen is a military police officer in the Wisconsin National Guard and missed most of the last academic year after he was called to active duty following September 11.

Name Reading
Clarke faculty, staff and students will begin reading the names of September 11 victims in the chapel. The reading will pause for the noon liturgy.

4:00 PM Prayer Service
Sacred Heart Chapel

9:00 PM Candlelight Vigil
Mary Fran front lawn

DUBUQUE EVENTS

"9/11/02" September 11th One Year Later
The Dubuque Community School District will present a production of "9/11," a movie featuring the emotions and memories of students in the district one year after the attacks. The movie was created by Clarke Communication adjunct Gary Olsen, with help from Clarke students Tim Young and Julie Connors. Today on Channel 17 at 4:30 pm and 8:00 p.m.

Picture Our America Family Event
The Dubuque Museum of Art invited children and families to express what makes America a special place to live. The art will be exhibited September 10-30 in the front windows of the museum (701 Locust Street), 8:00 AM until 6 PM.

TELEVISION

9/11: The Day America Changed
7:00 PM Channel 4 KFXB
A wrap-up of Sept. 11 memorial events, with reports by Greta Van Susteren, Shepard Smith and Linda Vester. Also: Bill O'Reilly explores the reactions of U.S. Muslims to the events of Sept. 11; Carl Cameron reviews the plot that culminated in the attacks.

Concert for America
8:00 PM Channel 7 KWWL
President and Mrs. Bush join a lineup of stars in this concert. Performances by Aretha Franklin, Gloria Estefan, Al Green, Josh Groban, and Enrique Iglesias are interspersed with short filmed pieces and comments from Americans (some famous, some not). Remarks by Rudolph Giuliani.

Whitehead brings insider view of Ground Zero project to Clarke

By TERESA MEYER
Staff Writer

It was hard not to be in awe of John Whitehead, 80, business man, philanthropist, military hero, politician, husband of the late Nancy Dickerson Whitehead, the list could go on and on. A distinguished looking man, dressed in an impeccable dark blue suit and red tie, he conducted his Clarke press conference last Thursday with an ease that suggested complete confidence.

As Randy Gehl highlighted Whitehead's career, I felt increasingly inadequate and unsophisticated. But when John Whitehead began speaking, he became a real person, just like you or me.

Despite his glorious accomplishments, or maybe because of them, Whitehead emanated a down-to-earth sensibility that made you feel like you were sitting down to chat with an old friend. His first words of advice to us, as students, were warm and heartfelt. "You have 60 years of life ahead of you to do great things," he said. "If your health is good, you can be involved in a fascinating variety of things in your life."

Whitehead's most recent endeavor is to serve as chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. This corporation, owned by

New York City and the state of New York, is overseeing the rebuilding of the 16-acre World Trade Center site.

This is quite a task, as the whole world is watching, waiting, and putting their two cents in about the rebuilding of ground zero. Whitehead admitted he was reluctant to accept New York Gov. George Pataki's appointment as chairman of the LMDC. "I had other plans for the next

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few years, such as spending time with my children and grandchildren, and maybe even being around to see a few great grandchildren," he said.

Whitehead was given 24 hours to think over his decision, and

finally agreed to accept. "I realized New York is my city," he said. "I've lived there all my life and worked there for my entire career as well. So, I decided I really ought to do it."

This task is the most daunting one that Whitehead has undertaken in his 80 years. "I've had a lot of big jobs, including the first landing at Normandy 60 years ago, but this is by far the most intimidating," he said. "It's a killer of a job."

The first step the LMDC took was to form eight advisory boards, representing the victim's families, the residents of lower Manhattan, commuters, restaurant owners/shopkeepers and more. For two months, the LMDC listened to their input. This input will be combined to develop a plan that will accommodate the needs of all the groups.

Whitehead sees the final plan for reconstruction as a compromise between business, cultural interests and a memorial. He



Note: Each star appearing in this issue represents one of the 3,031 lost in the events of 9/11.

estimates that about eight of the 16 acres will have a memorial park. The rest of the site will include a cultural center and office space. "We lost 1200 square feet of office space on 9/11," he said. "Office space equals jobs, and people need jobs. The plan is to put in beautiful, modern and secure buildings on the other eight acres of the site."

Muslim student: Finding hope for improved understanding

By TIM SHERLOCK
Staff Writer

Over the past year, America has changed. As a nation, we have had our beliefs, liberties, and loyalties challenged. What many forget, however, is that there are two sides to every story. To get a better understanding of this, I sat down with Adnan Fazal, a senior at Clarke who practices Islam. As a Muslim, he faced the same challenges we did throughout the past year only from a different point of view.

According to Adnan, he had no idea how to react when he first heard about what had occurred. He still remembers walking into the Student Activity Center to get some juice and hearing the news of the attacks. "I thought it was an accident when the first plane hit, but when the second one came in I

knew something was up," he said. I asked Adnan what challenges he faced as a Muslim immediately after the attacks. He said it wasn't really that bad. He felt some animosity and tension from some people but nothing from his friends. Rather than get upset he accepted the tension as human nature and realized it wasn't personal.

His hope is that those who judge the Islam religion based on the attacks will take the time to educate themselves about it before they form an opinion. In the weeks after 9/11, Adnan was contacted by the FBI to answer some questions. "I didn't know what to think. Obviously it scares you a little when they come calling you and you don't know why," he said. As it turned out, they just wanted to ask some questions and make sure things were all right.

Now that a year has passed, Adnan says everything is the same, if not

better, for him. He believes that more people have taken the time to educate themselves about his religion and, as a result, they now know that it does not encourage violence. His main concern was that the stereotypes gave his culture a very bad name, and he fears that it will now be forever associated with terrorism. "It's very hard to hear that since I know that the accusations are not true."

The attacks put Adnan in a tough position of having to defend the religion without coming across as defending the attackers. If he could tell everyone one thing, he would say, "Stereotyping the Islam religion based on the doings of a small portion of Muslims is equivalent to stereotyping American girls based on watching 'Baywatch': There's no basis for it."

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the remote control soccer
will begin on the soccer field
continue until 5 p.m.
At 2 p.m. Scorpio will begin
ing music and hosting a
show in front of the Kehl
Music and games will go on
6 p.m. Food service will
supper outside Mary Josia
steak, chicken, portabella
rooms, and corn on the cob
fresh apple pie for dessert.
At 7 p.m. in the Student Activity
Center the band 13 North
ing Clarke senior Mike Day
play.

Carrying the Clarke
gene?
Obsessed with
hating Elvis?
In acapela hella?
One of Clarke's
fashion
noteworthyies?

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The cloud of smoke is still there

Chuck Hundt of Dubuque, father of senior Courtney Hundt, shares his experiences and thoughts throughout his day in New York City on 9/11/01

By COURTNEY HUNDT
Staff Writer

9 a.m. I arrived at my meeting in a building two miles from the WTC and went to a showroom.

9:45 A secretary came into the showroom hysterical and informed us that two commercial planes hit the WTC. I realized that something major was going on.

10 a.m. I went down to the street and looked up. All I could see was black mountains of smoke. It was weird that being only two miles away I didn't hear the buildings collapse or feel the ground shake. It seemed so far away, yet it was right there in sight. I went back into the building. People in the halls were panicking. All you could hear were sirens. Subways were closed, traffic couldn't get into the city and all the bridges and tunnels into Manhattan were closed.

On a showroom TV I was able to see a tape of the plane hit the building for the first time. I knew I needed to contact home to

let them know I was okay. I finally was able to contact my wife at work. It was ironic that she knew more being in Dubuque than I did two miles away from the towers. As we talked, a plane crashed near Pittsburgh. Now I knew it was more than a coincidence; it was an attack on the U.S.

11:30 Now the airports were closed. I didn't panic because my ticket was for the next day.

2:30 p.m. I left with my co-workers to walk to their hotel. At this time on a normal day the streets would be loud, with bumper-to-bumper traffic. It was so quiet, all the buildings were closed, and I could literally walk in the middle of the street. I could only here the faint sound of sirens going up and down 23rd.

4 p.m. I started walking towards the towers to my hotel. I was walking into people coming from there. They all had a dazed look to them, and had dust all over.

5 p.m. I was back at my

hotel and for the first time all day I was able to sit down and get the whole story of what had happened. I was informed I would not be able to fly out the next day. After many calls I learned I would not be able to rent a car.

I went outside to 23rd street--the only street emergency vehicles could use to get to the site. The streets were filled with

"All I could see was a black mountain of smoke."

armed guards from the National Guard, ambulances and fire trucks..

I walked back to my hotel, and saw a U-Haul van, and thought I could rent one of those. September 12th, 2001

7 a.m. I woke up and the whole night I could feel dust in the air. It wasn't thick, but you could just feel it.

9 a.m. I went to Ryder and

rented a truck and headed out of Manhattan on the George Washington Bridge. The last thing I saw was that continuous mountain of smoke I saw the day before. I turned away and prayed for a safe journey home. It took me 16 hours to get back to Dubuque. The whole time I was in New York I never felt unsafe or scared I was going to die. I was mad at the situation and I just had to take charge of my life and find a way home. I also wanted to help, to go down and look for survivors or give blood, but once I found I couldn't, I needed to get home.

The thing that stands out in my mind is how it changed New York. Before, if the Red Cross asked for blood donors, most New Yorkers would tell them to jump in the Hudson. On the 11th there were long lines outside every church. New Yorkers did a 360 that day. So, did the U.S. from the president right down to the homeless man in Central Park.

Q & A

Courier reporter Jenni Christopher asked four international freshmen students if 9/11 affected their decision to come to the U.S. to study.

"No, because I do my best every single day. If I die tomorrow I could die in Ecuador or in the U.S. When it is my time to go, I will be prepared."

Tania Ibarra, Ecuador

"No, I knew that I wanted to come to the U.S. to study. I was a little nervous on my way here, but not too much."

Luis Diaz-Acevedo, Puerto Rico

"Yes, because I wanted to go to the East Coast to study. My dad wouldn't let me go there because he thought it was too dangerous. That is why I'm at Clarke."

Yukiko Yamada, Japan

"No, because I know that disasters happen in every country. I was not scared to come here because it can happen anywhere."

Jihye Chung, Japan

Reporter Lisa Kapka asked students and staff "What would you like to see done with the World Trade Center site?"

"A memorial wall with the names of the victims and those that gave their lives trying to save others."

Kristy Rose, Junior

"A real memorial, not commercialized."

Leon Lindauer, Crusader Cafe

"A nice garden with a picture memorial, with names of the victims and those involved."

Kathleen Burrack, Sophomore

"I think they should rebuild the World Trade Center the way it was."

Teena Williams, Junior

"They should rebuild the towers exactly as the originals were, at least in appearance, to let everyone know that we're not going away."

Michael Frain, Junior

History profs on 9/11

By KATIE BAHL
Staff Writer

Most Americans need to understand that "terrorism is a weapon of the weak against the strong," said Clarke history professor Mike Anderson. "Terrorism wants you to overreact, to provoke you to lessen freedom."

A CBS poll showed 64 percent of Americans are still somewhat concerned about the loss of our civil liberties. Clarke history professor Judy Biggin agrees that the 9/11 aftermath will continue to test our rights. She said that in many countries throughout the world bombings and assassinations occur regularly: "That is a fear they live with every minute."

It is very difficult to decipher exactly who or what should be identified as threats to U.S. security. "The causes of terrorism are not simple," said Anderson. "We need to come to the reality that the world is much more complex."

Government Crackdown Affects Clarke International Students

By CHRISTA SWIFT
Staff Writer

One of the 19 terrorists involved in the 9/11 tragedies was an international student living in the United States on a student visa. That one student made more of an impact on the world than expected. New immigration laws are affecting foreign students worldwide. Red tape is depleting the number of international students who decide to study here, or who are allowed to do so. Cammie Dean, Director of Multicultural Student Services, works hands-on with Clarke's international students. She says there are many new changes that are making their entrance into the U.S. difficult, especially for males between the ages of 18 and 45. "The U.S. Government believes that this will narrow down the possibilities of terrorists entering the country," she says.

Dean says that the main problem is the their effort to obtain documentation from the Immigration Naturalization Service and other branches of the U.S. Government. "They have to get a

social security number, and the INS is making that take even longer," Cammie says, "The students used to get a reply in seven to 15 days. Now it is taking up to a month. If they want to work on campus, students are required to have even more documentation. Students returning after their four-year visa has expired are required to return home, apply for another visa. This is also new."

Dean says that the government is especially concerned with students from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. They don't want the students studying "sensitive information" about our government, or even learning to fly a plane.

According to Dean, international students have a better understanding of new policies than U.S. students. Their countries are more strict than the U.S. "America has been more relaxed where immigration is concerned," she explained. She said that the students are used to having their bags searched and having less freedom.

When asked about her opinion of the changes, Cammie said, "It is important to reassess our laws, but there is a danger of going overboard...too much too quickly."

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Clarke
Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 28
•Fall Music Fest
(The Busted Lift)
•80's Movie
Marathon

Monday, Sept. 30
•Yoga (Conference
Room 1, MJH)

Tuesday, Oct. 1
•Job Shadow Month
begins

Wednesday, Oct. 2
•Quito Variety Show
and Auction (SAC)

Thursday, Oct. 3
•Clarke Play begins:
"And Miss Reardon
Drinks a Little"
(TDH)

Friday, Oct. 4
•Family Weekend
begins

Saturday, Oct. 5
•Latin Festival
(SAC)

Sunday, Oct. 6
•Play ends
•Family Weekend
ends

Monday, Oct. 7
•Yoga (Conference
Room 1, MJH)

Thursday, Oct. 10
•Homecoming
begins
•Homecoming Pep
Rally (Kehl Center)

Friday, Oct. 11
•Midterm

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